

Request for Information

Transmission Manufacturing in Western Australia

Key messages and FAQs

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- The SWIS Transmission Plan, alongside the energy transition initiatives in the Pilbara and private clean energy projects present significant opportunities for local businesses to pivot existing capability and/or develop new products or services to support the delivery of transmission infrastructure.
- The WA Government is committed to supporting local manufacturers and businesses to engage in transmission supply chains and play a key part in delivering the State's clean energy future. As part of the Made in WA Plan, \$75 million has been allocated to enhance local transmission manufacturing. This will be delivered through the Transmission Made in WA Program, which includes:
 - establishing a new manufacturing facility in Picton, serving as the anchor tenant for the future Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Hub (AMTECH).
 - o financial support for transmission manufacturing in the Forrestfield area, and
 - o wider industry support to strengthen capability across the sector.
- To guide the development of this program, the Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (DEED) is seeking feedback from industry via a Request for information (RFI).
- The RFI will help better understand current local capabilities in transmission manufacturing, identify gaps and ensure government support is optimally targeted. It will also help Government confirm the vision for AMTECH's future development.
- Please complete <u>online</u> or submit via email to transmission.manufacturing@jtsi.wa.gov.au, by 31 October 2025.
- All information received will be treated as commercial in-confidence and shared only within Government at an aggregated level.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This FAQ is designed to support businesses responding to the Request for Information (RFI): Transmission Manufacturing in Western Australia. It provides clarification on scope, eligibility, submission process, and government plans related to AMTECH, transmission infrastructure and the Transmission Made in WA Program.

1. What qualifies as a "transmission-relevant" product or service in this RFI?

This RFI covers the manufacturing (including assembly) and provision of services related to transmission infrastructure projects in Western Australia. Areas of interest include:

- Design and specification of transmission components and systems;
- Sourcing, production and assembly of transmission components and systems;
- Delivery, installation and decommissioning of transmission assets; and
- Lifecycle management, including maintenance, refurbishment and recycling.

Transmission componentry refers to key elements required for the construction and operation of transmission lines and networks, including:

- Voltage control and conversion: transformers and voltage regulators;
- Conductive path: conductors, cables and wires;
- Electrical insulation: insulators and bushings;
- Structural support: towers and poles;
- Protection and switching: circuit breakers and surge arresters;

2. Do I need to participate in this RFI to be considered for procurement opportunities or for a grant?

No. Participation in this RFI is not mandatory and does not guarantee inclusion or advantage in future procurement or grant processes. However, responses will help shape future government support programs, including the future planning of AMTECH, and identify opportunities for local industry.

3. Do I need to answer all questions included in the questionnaire?

No. The RFI is organised into 10 key topics, each containing a mix of required and optional questions. You may skip any that are not marked as required, though we encourage you to respond to as many as possible.

4. What is happening with AMTECH?

The WA Government has committed funds to support the establishment of a transmission manufacturing facility in Picton, which will serve as AMTECH's anchor tenant. This will kickstart the development of AMTECH, while relevant agencies continue to plan the development of the precinct. The information from the RFI will also help inform the WA Government's overall vision for the future of AMTECH.

5. What happened to all the work previously undertaken to inform the development of AMTECH?

All previously undertaken work remains highly valuable and continues to inform the development of the AMTECH precinct.

6. Do I have to be based in Forrestfield or Picton to participate?

No. Businesses can be based anywhere and do not need to relocate in order to be considered for the future program. Those located in Forrestfield or interested in locating in Picton are encouraged to respond and may wish to answer the questions that are specific to those locations.

7. Is the RFI limited to WA-based businesses?

No. Businesses currently operating in WA as well as those with a genuine interest in establishing operations in WA are encouraged to respond.

8. Will my input be shared with other companies or made public?

No. Your response will be treated as commercial in-confidence and shared only within Government at an aggregated level.

9. Is there a word or page limit for responses?

No. However, clear and concise responses are encouraged.

10. Can businesses that are not currently in the transmission sector but are looking to pivot or expand respond?

Yes. Businesses exploring diversification into transmission manufacturing or services are welcome to respond, even if they do not currently operate in this space.

11. Do I have to use the online system or can I submit my response separately?

Both options are accepted. You may complete the RFI online via Citizen Space, or submit your responses via email to transmission.manufacturing@jtsi.wa.gov.au, by 31 October 2025.

12.In the online version of the RFI, can I save my answers and comeback later to finish my response?

Yes, the online platform allows you to save progress and return later.

13. Will there be more opportunities for industry to provide feedback?

The WA Government, through DEED, will continue to engage with industry as the Transmission Made in WA program is designed and implemented to ensure it meets industry needs and the State's strategic objectives of decarbonisation and economic diversification.

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14. Who can I contact if I am having problems with the online platform?

Please contact DEED via email at transmission.manufacturing@jtsi.wa.gov.au.

15. Who can I contact if I have any further questions or concerns about the RFI?

Please contact DEED via email at transmission.manufacturing@jtsi.wa.gov.au.